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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kazutoshi OHMORI et al.

Appln. No.: 10/684,399

Group Art Unit: 2818

Filed: October 15, 2003

Examiner: D. Vu

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

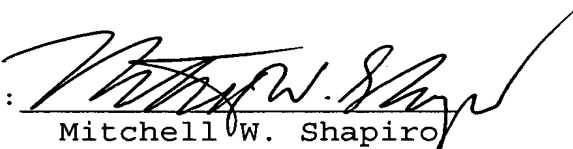
Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005,
and to the requirement for election of species therein,
Applicants elect species a) Embodiment I, Specification
(page 9, line 29-page 20, line 25) for prosecution on the
merits. Claim 1 is readable on the elected species.
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional
applications with regard to the non-elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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